# VIRGINIA REAL ESTATE BOARD (THE BOARD) POST LICENSE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW SALESPERSONS

Section 54.1-2105.01 of the *Code of Virginia* requires that all of the Board's New Salesperson licensees complete a Board-approved 30-hour post license education curriculum.

New salespersons initially licensed before July 1, 2008, must complete this 30-hour post license education curriculum within their first two-year licensure term in order to renew their license. Failure to complete this 30-hour post license education requirement within this two-year licensure term will result in the expiration of your license. You cannot practice real estate in Virginia with an expired license. You can renew or reinstate an expired new salesperson license for up to one year after your license expiration date by completing the 30-hour post license education requirement and meeting all other renewal or reinstatement requirements.

New salespersons initially licensed on or after July 1, 2008, must complete this 30-hour post license education curriculum within one year of obtaining this salesperson license. Failure to complete this 30-hour post license education requirement within one year of initial licensure will result in your license being placed on inactive status. You cannot practice real estate in Virginia with an inactive license. You can activate your license by: 1) Completing the 30-hour post license education requirement; and 2) Completing and submitting an "Activate/Transfer Application" form with the \$60 fee to the Board. You can renew or reinstate an inactive new salesperson license for up to one year after your license expiration date by completing the 30-hour post license education requirement and meeting all other renewal or reinstatement requirements.

#### **Post License Education Rules**

- 1. There are three Board-approved 30-hour Post License Education Curricula (Practice Tracks): 1) Residential Real Estate; 2) Commercial Real Estate; and 3) Property Management.
- 2. A New Salesperson must complete one of these Practice Tracks.
- 3. There are Mandatory Topics and Elective Topics within each Practice Track.
- 4. A New Salesperson selects one of these Practice Tracks by completing an approved Mandatory Topic course within that Practice Track.
- 5. All Mandatory Topic courses within the selected Practice Track must be completed.
- 6. Elective Topic course hours completed from any Practice Track will be credited toward the 30-hour requirement.
- 7. Surplus Mandatory Topic course hours will be credited as Electives toward the 30 hours.
- 8. New Salespersons must complete the 30-hour Post License Education requirement. They do not need to complete the 16-hour Continuing Education requirement for other Salespersons.
- Post License Education and Continuing Education are two completely different types of Board-approved education. Post License Education courses will not be accepted as Continuing Education courses and vice-versa.
- 10. Post License Education hours will not appear on the DPOR "License Look-up" website (<a href="http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/dporweb/dpormainwelcome.cfm">http://www.dpor.virginia.gov/dporweb/dpormainwelcome.cfm</a>) until a New Salesperson completes a Mandatory Topic course and the course is reported to the Board by an approved education provider.
- 11. A licensee must notify the Board's Education Administrator in writing to change Practice Tracks after a Mandatory Topic course has been reported to the Board.

# POST LICENSE EDUCATION PRACTICE TRACK DESCRIPTIONS

## 1. Residential Real Estate Practice Track

Mandatory Topics (15 hours)

- 1. Agency Law (3 hours)
- 2. Fair Housing (3 hours)
- 3. Real Estate Law (3 hours)
- 4. Offer to Purchase (3 hours)
- 5. Ethics and Standards of Conduct/Current Industry Issues and Trends (3 hours)

Elective Topics (15 hours - approved courses are a minimum of 1 hour and a maximum of 4 hours)

Finance

Property Valuation/Listing Process

**Selling Process** 

Technology

**Business Planning** 

Land Use Issues

Other Real Estate Related Courses

# 2. Commercial Real Estate Practice Track

Mandatory Topics (9 hours)

- 1. Contract Writing; Handling Customer Deposits; Agency (3 hours)
- 2. Listing Property; Leasing Property; Current Industry Issues and Trends (3 hours)
- 3. Property Owners' and Condominium Association Law; Landlord Tenant Law; Real Estate Board Regulations and Statutes; Americans with Disabilities Act (3 hours)

Elective Topics (21 hours - approved courses are a minimum of 1 hour and a maximum of 4 hours)

Leasing

Land

Sales

Finance

Market Research

Property Management

**Consulting Services** 

Development

Franchising

Government Relations/Government Programs

Hospitality/Entertainment

Other Real Estate Related Courses

### 3. Property Management Practice Track

Mandatory Topics (20 hours)

- 1. Virginia Residential Landlord/Tenant Act and Fair Housing (4 hours)
- 2. Board Regulations and Statues; Escrow Management and Accounting; Ethics (4 hours)
- 3. Appraisals; Structures and Construction Process; Uniform Statewide Building Code (4 hours)
- 4. Contract Writing and Agency (4 hours)
- 5. Risk Management (4 hours)

Elective Topics (10 hours - approved courses are a minimum of 1 hour and a maximum of 4 hours)

Contractor/Maintenance Employee Relationship

**Current Industry Issues and Trends** 

**Rental Marketing** 

Tenant/Landlord Relationships

Understanding Property Owners' and Condominium Associations

Other Real Estate Related Courses

#### LIMITED SERVICE AGENCY

In addition to these 30 hours of Post License Education, all New Salespersons whose license expires before July 1, 2009, must complete a two-hour course in Limited Service Agency (LSA). LSA is a one-time only requirement.

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